

# **AMENDMENT TO THE HERITAGE TRAIL PLAN (MARCH 2006)**

## **8.0 POLICY FOR REVIEWING & UPDATING THE HERITAGE TRAIL PLAN**

The Billings Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) is the official governing body of the Billings Metropolitan Planning process and in accordance with Title 23, Chapter I, section 134 and Title 49, Chapter 53, Section 5303 of the United States Code, has the responsibility of developing transportation plans and programs within the Billings metropolitan planning area. As the official governing body of the MPO, the Billings PCC hereby establishes the following policy for reviewing and updating the Heritage Trail Plan. This policy only applies to that part of the Heritage Trail plan within the MPO boundary and the 20-year projected urbanized area. The policy also applies to projects intended to be funded with Title 23 U.S.C. funding. It does not apply to projects advanced by the City of Billings or Yellowstone County that would not be subject to the requirements of the Billings MPO.

The Heritage Trail Plan shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated every five years. The purpose of the update is to determine what changes are needed to address current trends and technologies, and to ensure that the plan continues to reflect community needs and preferences. The Heritage Trail Plan may be amended at any time in the five-year period if major changes occur such as a citizen initiative, a significant budgetary change, or a change in policies of the PCC. The five-year review and update shall adhere to the following:

- 1) Review background information.
- 2) Conduct public involvement to include numerous community and neighborhood meetings and workshops, press releases, surveys, and direct communication with affected individuals, groups of landowners, and/or other organizations.
- 3) Update and prepare a draft document and associated maps, charts, and tables.
- 4) Forward proposed updates to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for recommendations to the PCC.
- 5) Schedule and conduct public hearings before the Yellowstone County Planning Board, Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Billings City Council for their review and recommendations to the PCC.
- 6) Schedule and present recommendations from the planning and the local governing bodies to the PCC for final action.

Amendment requests may be brought forward by individuals, groups of landowners, organizations, or by appropriate government agencies. Amendments to the Heritage Trail Plan, other than those

identified in the five-year review, shall follow steps one through six above.

## MAP REVISIONS:

Revisions were also made to the Heritage Trail Map which included:

- Change to Map Title
- Additional Disclaimer Language including a Landowner Declaration
- Update of Public Land parcels
- Update of Public Roadways
- Revisions to Legend
- Removal of all proposed trail delineated by dotted lines that cross private property, but retaining dotted lines for trail corridors through public land
- Identify proposed trail corridors with directional numbered green arrows placed on Public ROW or public land to depict potential proposed trail routes. The numbers on the arrows are indexed to the trail descriptions listed below.

The Priority Project Maps for both the Multi-Use Trails and the On-Street Primary Bikeways, were also updated to reflect the changes in the base map.

CODE	TRAIL DESCRIPTION to accompany Proposed Trail Routes and Bikeway Map
1	Trail routes along north side of the Yellowstone River from Buffalo Mirage Fishing Access (Sportsman Park Rd.) to Mystic Park Trail, located south of the Water Treatment Plant.
2	Route from Yellowstone River corridor in vicinity of Hwy 212 and 310 west along Canyon Creek over to Frank Rd. with link to the Laurel park just north of I-90 and west of Laurel.
3	Route west from Laurel; 6th St. to Golf Course Rd.
4	Southern portion of trail loop north of Laurel; from Canyon Creek Ditch west of Elkhorn Dr. along Nutting Drain Ditch west past Golf Course Rd. to Wold Rd.
4A	Northern portion of trail loop north of Laurel; link north from Canyon Creek Ditch along Elkhorn Dr. and W. Ramshorn Dr., then connecting west to the Big Ditch Route.
5	Route along the Buffalo Trail Rd. starting at the Big Ditch north to vicinity of Canyon Creek (RT 9).
5A	Link from Route along Buffalo Trail Rd. (RT 5) in the vicinity along Cove Ditch to RT 9 connection along Canyon Creek.
6	Along Cove Ditch, north of Laurel from Big Ditch through Lakeside Estates, linking to Canyon Creek Route.
7	North from Yellowstone River corridor, northeast from S. Strauch Rd. to I-90 (underpass) along I-90 to railroad corridor heading north to Alkali Creek Rd. and junction with trail route along North Fork Alkali Creek.
7A	Link off RT 7 by Canyon Creek Ditch to S. 80th Street W. and Alpine View Dr.
7B	Link from RR coridor (just north of I-90) east to S. 72nd St.W. and BBWA Route
8	North from Yellowstone River along BBWA at So. 72nd St. W. following BBWA northeast to Shiloh Rd.
8A	Link west from BBWA Route to railroad route along Danford Drain.
9	Canyon Creek Route from the Yellowstone River to junction of the Big Ditch out past Buffalo Trail Rd.
10	Route along Shiloh Rd. from Canyon Creek north to Rimrock Rd.
10A	Link from Shiloh Rd. and Monad Rd., west to approximately 44th St. W. and Monad Rd.
10B	Link from Shiloh Rd. and Broadwater Ave. east to 32nd St. W. and Broadwater Ave.
10C	Link from 36th St. W., north to 38th St. W. and Grand Ave.
10 D	Link from Shiloh Rd. , north of Central, east through MSUB COT campus to 36th St. W.

- 11 Hogan's Slough route starting at 24th St. W. (Midland Trail) heading west and north to Grand & the railroad aligned with 76th St. W.
- 12 Big Ditch Trail beginning at 38th St. W. running west to junction with Hogan's Slough.
- 13 High Line Ditch Route beginning at 46th St. W. running west past 62nd St. W. and linking into the Hogan's Slough Route (RT 11).
- 14 Route starts at 54th St. W. and High Line Ditch (Cottonwood Park) heading north to Rimrock Rd and west to Molt Rd with link to Cove Ditch Route over to 70th St. W. and continuing to Grand Ave.
- 14A Link from 70th St. W. along Little Cove Creek west to railroad route and continuing along, in close proximity, of Little Cove Creek through public land.
- 15 Route along the Rims from approximately 48th Street W. running east through public parkland and joining the Route along Cove Creek at Molt Rd. past the railroad corridor and turning north along Shorey Rd to the S. Fork of Alkali Creek.
- 16 Route from Timberline Dr. north up the Rims to Zimmerman Park through existing easement.
- 17 Route along Zimmerman Trail from Rimrock Rd. north to Hwy 3 and through state land to the S. Fork of Alkali Creek Route.
- 18 Route north from Hwy 3 at Zimmerman Trail over to Billings Rod & Gun Club Rd. to RT 25 through state land.
- 18A Link from RT 18 along Rod & Gun Club Rd. south to Hwy. 3.
- 18B Link from Rod & Gun Club Rd. through Rehberg Ranch Estates and existing trail to RT 18C.
- 18C Link between Hwy 3 and RT 25 in State land, crossing the proposed Inner Belt Loop extension of Wicks Lane.
- 19 Route along Montana RailLink tracks starting at junction with RT 30 along the Yellowstone River crossing in proximately of Lomond Ln. and Cerise Rd. southwest along railroad corridor to S. 72nd Street W. and route 7B & 8.
- 20 Route beginning at Earl Guss Park west along lower part of the Rims and picking up the corridor along the BBWA through MSUB, through Rose Park, linking through Lillis, Descro, and Stewart Parks, across King following BBWA Canal to Gabel Rd. to Zoo Dr.
- 20A Link off Route 20 along south side of BBWA Canal into MSUB campus.
- 21 Route through Swords Park south of Airport Rd. to junction with Rimtop Dr. north across Airport Rd. and along Rimtop Dr. and connection with RT 22 along Alkali Creek.
- 22 Route east along Alkali Creek corridor and Alkali Creek Road starting at Main St., crossing Annandale Rd. in proximity to Alkali Creek and over to Popelka Rd.
- 23 Route along North Fork Alkali Creek starting at junction with RT 22 and extending past Alkali Creek Rd., Hwy 3 and Shorey Rd.
- 24 Route northeast of Aronson and Quiet Water Dr. along the BBWA Canal corridor verring north along the west side of Lake Elmo Rd. to Five Mile Creek Route, then angling north and east to Five Mile Creek and east, crossing Hwy 87 and 312 and cutting east and north to Seven Mile Creek.
- 25 Route starting at junction of Aronson Ave. and Govenors Blvd. northwest along Govenors Blvd. and cutting through state land and link to Route 18 and 18C then north and east to RT 22 and Alkali Creek Rd.
- 26 Route from Two Moon Park northeast along Yellowstone River Route by Powmer Rd. to junction of Hwy 312 and the Yellowstone River.
- 27 Route starting at Mary St. and the Yellowstone River along Five Mile Creek.
- 27A Link following southwest fork of Seven Mile Creek starting approximately at corner of Alexander Rd. and Seven Mile Creek corridor.
- 28 Route starting at RT 24 by the BBWA Canal and following along in close proximity with the Hwy. 312 corridor towards Shepherd.
- 29 Route along Seven Mile Creek from Hwy 312 corridor & along Miller & McGirl Ditches. Then northeast to corridor along Twelve Mile Creek to the Yellowstone River (RT26).
- 30 Trail route along south side of the Yellowstone River starting at junction of Northern Ave. and Montana Raillink railroad tracks by Huntley heading southwest along river to Hwy 212 & 310 south of Laurel to Yellowstone County boundary.

- 31 Route starting on south side of Yellowstone River by Huntley following in proximity to Pryor Creek or Hwy 522 crossing Squaw Creek Rd., I-90 to junction of Hwy 87. Continuing southwest in proximity along Pryor Rd. and Pryor Creek, south and a little west down to the school site south of Buckeye Creek.
- 31A Route from Pryor Rd. northwest along Blue Creek Rd. corridor, angling north at Jellison Rd. junction to Yellowstone River Route.
- 32 Route following in close proximity to the Lockwood Ditch starting at Dickie Rd. and crossing Becraft Ln., Johnson Ln., Piccolo Ln., along Rosebud Ln. and back to the river route (RT30).
- 33 Route from the Yellowstone River corridor (RT 30) linking in proximity along Johnson Lane, crossing Lockwood Frontage Rd, I-90/94 to junction with RT 32.
- 34 Route from Old Hardin Rd. heading south in proximity to along Juniper Dr., across Sunrise Ave. linking to corridor along Lockwood Ditch (Rt. 32) and continuing in proximity along Hwy. 87 and Dry Creek.
- 35 Trail route through Four Dances Natural Area linking off Coburn Rd.
- 36 Route linking the Yellowstone River corridor (RT 30) in proximity of Bitter Creek to connect to Pictograph Caves State Park, then heading southwest to link to BLM land and link to RT 37, and then back to Yellowstone River corridor (RT 30).
- 37 Route from junction of Blue Creek Rd. and Hillcrest Rd. heading northeast through Cedar Park Subdivision and continuing east through BLM property, then southeast to junction with RT 36 and turning back west to Briarwood Blvd. and junction with Blue Creek Rd.
- 37A Link off RT 37 at end of Briarwood Blvd. turning north and west back to Blue Creek Rd. at approximate junction with Collier Rd.
- 38 Route from Blue Creek Rd. west in vicinity of Briarwood Blvd., crossing Collier Rd. and linking through public land across Hillcrest Rd., running in proximity to Stratton Rd. and connecting to RT 30 along the Yellowstone River.
- 39 Route following in proximity of Blue Creek from junction of Blue Creek Rd. and Hwy 416 angling south and west.
- 40 Route in proximity to Hillcrest Rd. heading south from junction of Hillcrest Rd. and Collier Rd. to proximity of Basin Creek corridor and veering east to connection with Blue Creek Rd.
- 41 Route from RT 30 (Yellowstone River Route) in proximity to the west side of the State land and heads south to the junction of Fritz Rd. and Keller Rd. The trail corridor follows along in proximity with the Broadway Coulee.
- 42 Route in the proximity of Duck Creek Rd. and Duck Creek starting Fritz Rd. and junction with RT 30 (Yellowstone River corridor).
- 42A Link off RT 41 in proximity to the East Fork Duck Creek drainage.
- 43 Route along Clark Fork River, south of where it flows into the Yellowstone River, running from RT 30 through BLM land (Sun Dance Recreational Area) and continuing along route in close proximity to south edge of Nicolas Ln.